

Data in Action:

PHENND Climate Resilience Youth Council (CRYC) End of Year Survey

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The Climate Resilience Youth Council is an 18-student cohort that is run by a partnership between the Philadelphia Higher Education Network for Neighborhood Development (PHENND) and the City of Philadelphia’s Office of Sustainability. In this year-long program, high school students from across Philadelphia learn about civic engagement, climate resilience, and give feedback on the City of Philadelphia’s Climate Resilience Plan. Students also plan individual climate resilience projects for their neighborhoods.

Our Goals:

1. Create survey to assess four elements of program impact: **climate literacy, civic engagement, leadership development, and student experience**
2. Conduct data analysis & create visuals
3. Prepare beginning & end-of-year surveys for future cohorts

Step 1: Define objectives and scope with partner



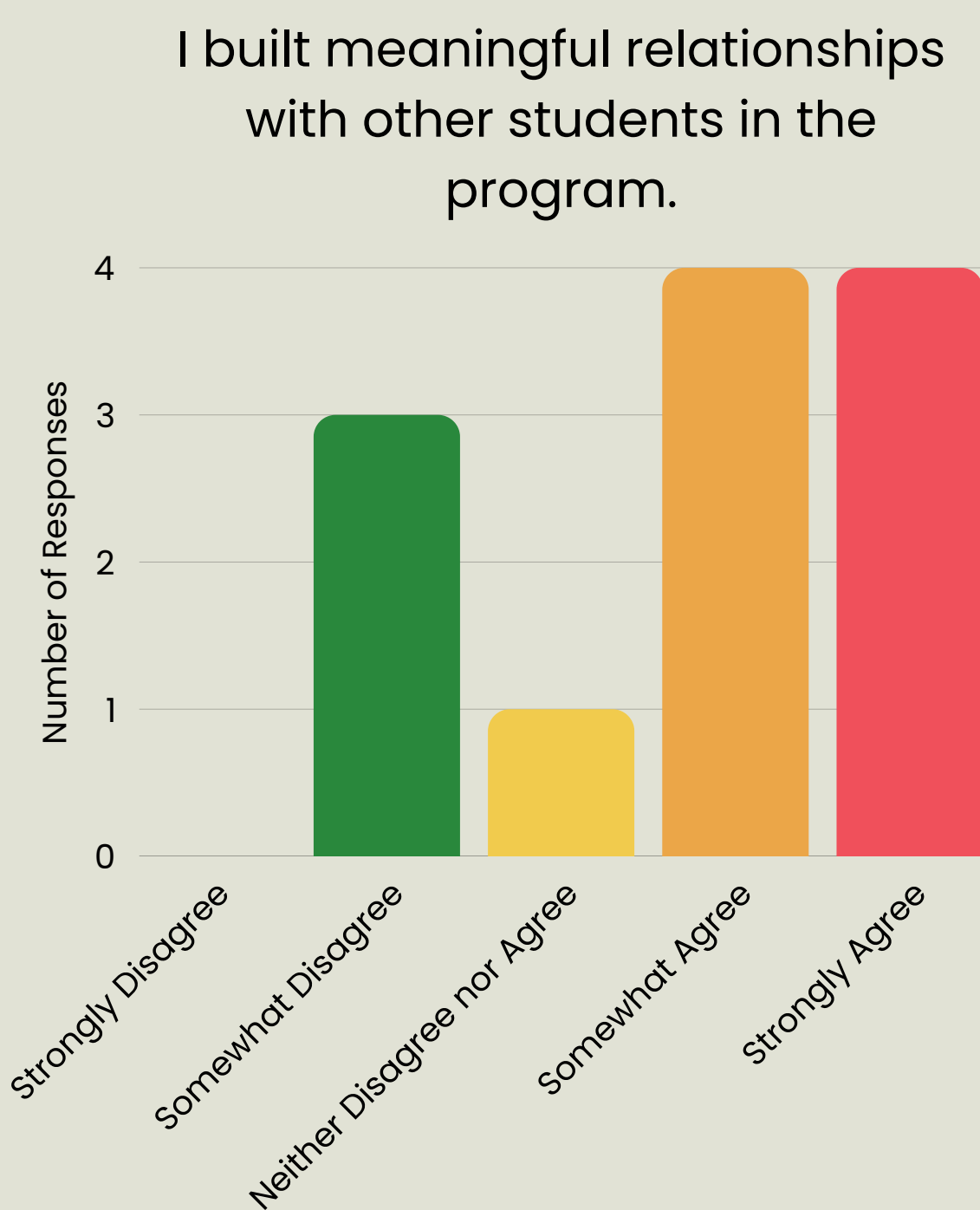
Step 2: Draft Likert scale & open-ended questions



Step 3: Implement partner feedback



Step 4: Meet students & distribute survey



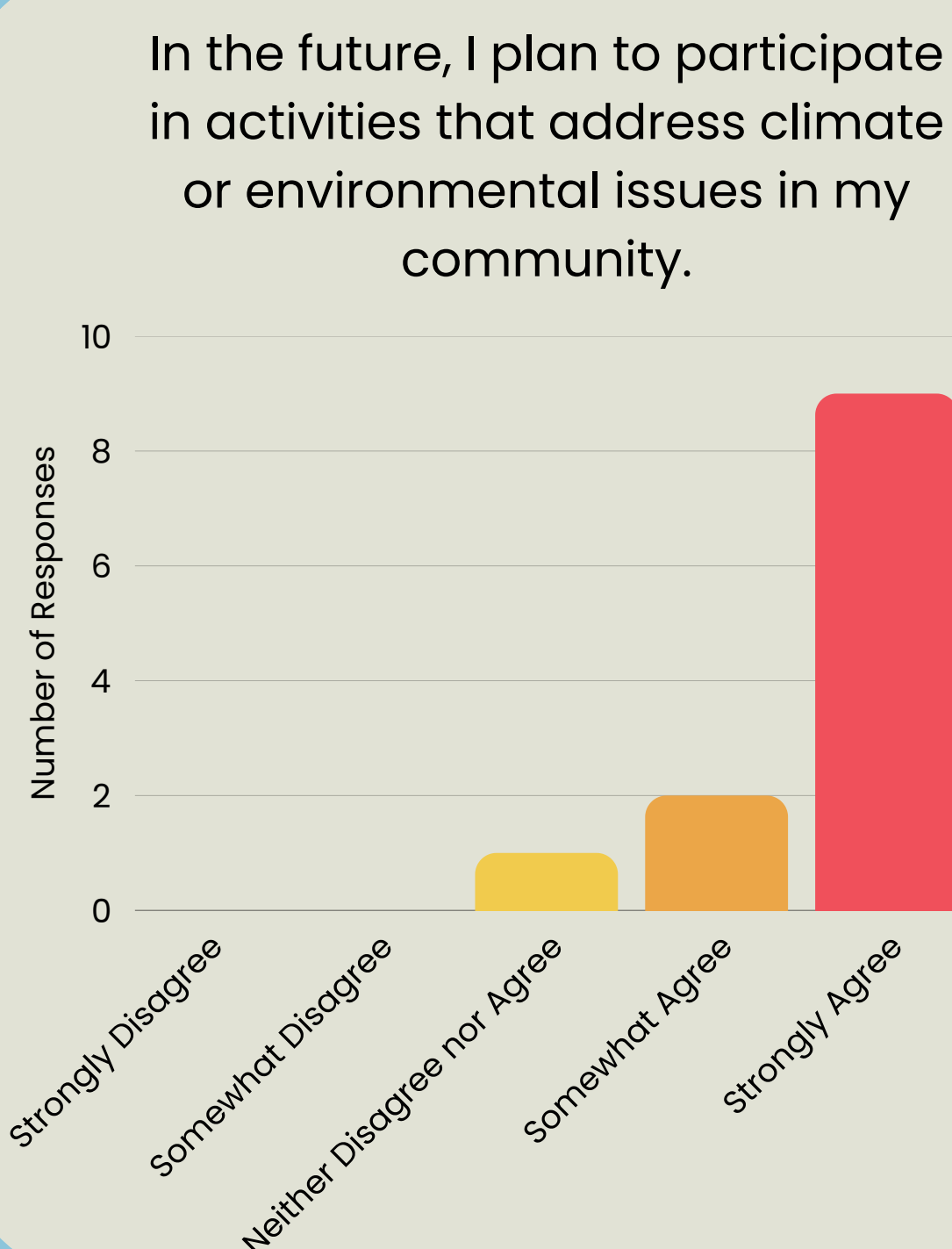
Findings:

- Overall positive responses in all categories
- Some students struggled with leadership skills and confidence
- Some respondents did not feel like they developed meaningful relationships with others

Therefore, while the educational content was strong, more could be done to improve the social aspect of the program.

“Something that I didn’t know was the amount places and opportunities I have to make a change or share my opinion on issues in my community.”

-CRYC student



Reflections:

This project emphasized clear communication and flexibility, and helped us develop skills in data collection, analysis and presentation. We ensured that our work could be continued by providing PHENND with a beginning and end of year survey for future cohorts and suggesting that they commit to conducting a focus group in coming years.

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